

Exhibit #1**Statement and Certification of Scot Buerkle, Plant Engineering Manager**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Mid-Rivers") is providing or capable of providing voice services utilizing our own facilities in the 83 price cap census blocks listed on the Response to Challenge tab of the attached FCC Form 505. Mid-Rivers is also providing or capable of providing broadband services with speeds at or above 4 Mbps/1 Mbps, with a usage allowance of 300 GB/month, latency less than 100 ms, and a price that is reasonably comparable to the offerings in urban areas in these 83 blocks.

Mid-Rivers has facilities in place to provide subscribers in these census blocks with standalone voice services and with broadband meeting or exceeding the above performance and pricing requirements, via cable modem, DSL, or Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) technologies depending upon a subscriber's specific location. The plant maps provided in Exhibit #2 illustrate the current Mid-Rivers broadband coverage in the 83 census blocks challenged by CenturyLink in their Served to Unserved Challenge. Standalone voice services are offered in all of these blocks and voice services are provided by Mid-Rivers without the use of a third party VoIP provider.

CenturyLink's challenge to all 83 blocks was based upon voice criteria only, and their approach produced inaccurate results due to today's competitive voice environment and the extremely low populations in these blocks. While Mid-Rivers does offer landline voice in each of these blocks as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) and is designated by the Montana Public Service Commission as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in each of these exchanges, many of the subscribers in these blocks may not subscribe to any landline voice services or the blocks may be void of any customers to serve. Our subscriber data also shows that many of the active customers in this area are Business subscribers, which may have been excluded from the data presented by CenturyLink.

We urge the FCC to deny CenturyLink's Served to Unserved Challenge in these 83 blocks and dedicate the limited amount of CAF funding available to the blocks in Montana that are clearly unserved.

Signature: 

Date: 11/10/14